

## REMARKS


Applicants cancel claims 1-6 and add new claims 7-24. Claims 7-24 remain in the application.

Applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration of the application.

Applicants ask the Examiner to call the undersigned if any questions arise concerning the application or these claim amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

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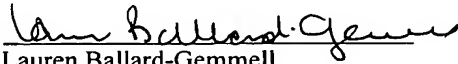


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